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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN REQUEST FOR UNILATERAL IAEA SAFEGUARDS OVER  
COMMERICAL ENRICHEMNT PLANT

1. UNDERCOVER PERSONAL TRANSMITTAL NOTE, SOUTH AFRICAN  
RESREP., SCHIRNDING, HAS SENT ME TEXT OF LETTER HE  
TRANSMITTED TO IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND, AUGUST 20,  
1976.

2. TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT SOUTH  
AFRICA IS NOW APPROACHING THE STAGE WHERE IT WOULD  
BE NECESSARY FOR US TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH  
THE AGENCY IN RESPECT OF THE APPLICATION OF SAFE-  
GUARDS TO A COMMERICAL ENRICHMENT PLANT, WHICH IS  
TO BE ERECTED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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QUOTE. CONSCIOUS OF OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WE INTEND TO SUBMIT SUCH A LARGE SCALE PLANT UNILATERALLY TO AGENCY SAFEGUARDS, AS IS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE III A.5 OF THE AGENCY'S STATUTE. IT IS MADE CLEAR IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE SAFEGUARDS DOCUMENT THAT THE LATTER'S PROVISIONS "WILL ONLY BECOME LEGALLY BINDING UPON THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE INCORPORATED THEREIN". FURTHERMORE, AS EXPLAINED IN I.A.E.A. PAPER " SAFEGUARDS PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES FOR ISOTOPIC ENRICHMENT FACILITIES" OF APRIL 1974, THE FIRST IN " THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS APPERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION OF AGENCY SAFEGUARDS TO A STATE' FACILITIES IS" THE "CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND THE STATE".

QUOTE. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE WE ARE NOW, AS A FIRST STEP, APPROACHING YOU TO ENQUIRE WHETHER THE SAFEGUARDS DIVISION OF THE AGENCY COULD GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO THE CONTENTS OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND THE GOVERNEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS TO A COMMERCIAL URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT IN SOUTH AFRICA AND, IF SO, PROVIDE US IN DUE COURSE WITH A PROPOSED DRAFT OF THE TEXT OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

QUOTE. I LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING WHETHER YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST. UNQUOTE. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. STONE

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